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MODULATORS OF IgE SYNTHESIS, SECRETION AND
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 26, 2003.

Election/Restriction:

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner has required election of one of the following species: a constitutive promoter; an inducible promoter; or an IL-4 inducible epsilon promoter. In particular, the Examiner is of the opinion that “[t]hese species are distinct because each promoter has a separate structure, and functions in a different manner (i.e. constitutive vs. inducible). Furthermore, a search of art for one of these promoters would not reveal art on the others.”

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that “inducible promoter[s]” and the “IL-4 inducible promoter” are not separate species. Rather, the IL-4 inducible epsilon promoter is a species of inducible promoter. Accordingly, a search of the art for inducible promoters would reveal art relating to an IL-4 inducible promoter. However, in order to be considered responsive to the instant Office Action, Applicants’ hereby elect an IL-4 inducible epsilon promoter *for search purposes only*.

It is Applicants’ understanding that under 35 U.S.C. §121, an election of a single species for prosecution on the merits is required, to which the claims will be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 29 is generic.

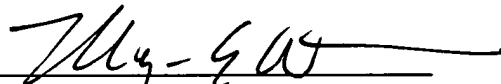
Applicants further understand that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent from or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claims as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.41 *et seq.*

CONCLUSION

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,

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